Infrastructure Council Minutes
April 10, 2014 3pm – 5pm
HD-504 (Human Development Building – HSC)

Present: Andrew Giacini, Patrick Reakes, David Oppenheimer, Margaret Temple-Smith, Tara Cataldo, Megan Forbes, Ray Thomas, Fedro Zazeuta and Sharda Udassi.

The meeting was called to order by Sharda Udassi.

Sharda introduced Andrew McCollough to speak about UF Online in place of Betty Phillips who is no longer at the University. Sharda explained that the Infrastructure Council had been asked to determine if the council could assist in the development of UF Online.

Andy provided the Council with a brief history of UF Online and an update of the current situation. He said the four areas which were proving the most challenging were:
     1. How do we drive UF Online to scale, while at the same time maintaining the quality we insist on.
     2. Appropriate faculty. We shouldn't develop a different faculty, we must grow our regular faculty to be able to do both.
     3. One of the main purposes of UF Online was to enroll First Time in College students, but for them, the problem becomes one of student engagement
     4. Some courses are almost impossible to get online – for example labs.
The Council had a number of questions for Andy McCollough, including those surrounding setting tuition, student recruitment, share governance, and text selection. After much discussion, Andy said he would be happy to come back to speak to the Council whenever we wanted. The Council then discussed which subcommittees might have the most to offer to or be most impacted by UF Online. Discussion was also held on the importance of Intellectual Property and what infrastructure faculty need to be successful. Fedro Zazueta said the three main concerns (from an IT infrastructure perspective) were to curate (a repository for online recordings and assets), delivery (course management and the platform), and analytics (not merely metrics).

The minutes of the March 13, 2014 meeting were approved(Thomas/Giacini)

Sharda explained that a new chair needed to be elected for the upcoming year. She said the eligible members were Sharda herself, Hans van Oostroom, Patrick Reakes, and Bradley Walters. As the Council was not certain if any of them had been approached about serving as chair, it was decided to table the vote until the May meeting. Sharda said she, herself, could not serve again, but she would be sure everyone had the information on the other members eligible to serve as chair.

- **Steering Committee** – Sharda Udassi
  - The University Mission Statement has been approved
  - APB information will be provided at the next meeting
  - Discussion about trying to increase tuition

- o Research on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving being completed to make a decision about the day as a holiday
- o The College of Fine Arts is changing its name to the College of Arts
- o Constitutional Committee Report

- **University Libraries Committee –** David Oppenheimer
  - o Plans for the next year include soliciting additional feedback from faculty on open access.

- **Land Use and Facilities Planning Committee –** Megan Forbes
  - o Minor Projects: Approved the Delta Chi fraternity house addition and a Sculpture in the courtyard of Heavener Hall
  - o Major Projects: UF-590, VMTH Clinical Techniques & Skills Lab – Vertical Addition
  - o Other: Linda Dixon shared the general schedule and structure of the upcoming large-scale review of the Campus Master Plan

- **Parking and Transportation Committee –** Ray Thomas
- Determined that the vertical addition to the vet school would have no impact
- A Fraternity build a parking lot on their own and have been told it must come before the committees

- **IT Committee –** Fedro Zazueta
  - o Fedro received the report on the Canvas/Sakai comparison, so will report at the next meeting.

Sharda thanked the Council members for providing reports for her presentation to the Faculty Senate. The Council members thanked Sharda for her professional presentation at the Senate meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:35pm.